

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 577

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jacob Wilke on his selection as the 2017-2018 John Hay Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Wilke is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilke has been selected as the 2017-2018 John Hay Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a kindergarten teacher at John Hay Elementary School, Jacob Wilke has undergraduate degrees from the University of Tennessee, the Word of Life Biblical Institute, and the Philadelphia Biblical Institute; he also has a master's degree from Lee University; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, aside from teaching the fundamentals of reading, writing, and math, Mr. Wilke is also the leader of the school's Coding and Robotics clubs; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Wilke is an inspiration to his colleagues and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilke truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jacob Wilke on being chosen as the 2017-2018 John Hay Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend his exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.